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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

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⊠ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.

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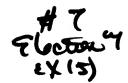
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RESPONSE

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 30, 2002, the Applicants elect, with traverse, the subject matter of the Examiner's Group II for further prosecution in the above.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are requested as, the Applicants submit, with due respect, that a search of all the claimed subject matter would not be an undue burden on the Examiner.

An early and favorable action on the merits of all the claimed subject matter is requested.

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